

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 29 and 30 in the following manner:

If the receiving capability is determined as not greater than those stored in the image parameter memory 210 (step S140, NO), the system controller 207 further determines if the receiving capability of the color facsimile apparatus 11 is sufficient for receiving the color image data (step S144). If the receiving capability of the color facsimile apparatus 11 is determined as sufficient (step S144, YES), the process proceeds to Step S142 so that the system controller 207 performs the transfer operation. If the receiving capability of the color facsimile apparatus 11 is determined as not sufficient (step S144, NO), the process proceeds to Step S145 in which the system controller 207 goes into a waiting mode with initiating a call to the color facsimile apparatus 11 at intervals of a predetermined time period so as to wait until the system controller 207 receives from the color facsimile apparatus 11 the color capabilities to be determined as at least sufficient for the color data transfer.

Please amend the paragraph at page 32, lines 1-18 in the following manner:

Fig. 16 shows an exemplary procedure of a DCS-analysis-based facsimile receiving operation performed by the facsimile apparatus 22. Upon starting the communications with a sending facsimile machine, the system controller 207 of the facsimile apparatus 22 determines in Step S161 if the facsimile information sent from the sending facsimile machine includes color or mono-color gray-scale data by performing the DCS analysis. If the facsimile information is determined as including color or mono-color gray-scale data, the system controller 207 immediately initiate a call to the registered color facsimile apparatus 11, in Step S162. Then, the system controller 207 conducts the facsimile receiving operation and the color image transfer operation in parallel, in Step S163. The system controller 207 then determines if the facsimile receiving operation and the color image transfer operation are completed (step S164). If the facsimile receiving operation and the color image transfer operation are completed, the process ends (step S164, YES).

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 38 and 39 in the following manner:

Fig. 22 shows another exemplary procedure of the DCS-analysis-based facsimile receiving operation performed by the facsimile apparatus 22. In this case, the facsimile apparatus 22 performs the color data transfer in page units to the registered color facsimile apparatus 11 for. For this purpose, the procedure of Fig. 22 is made by replacing the process of Step S164 in the procedure of Fig. 16 with processes of Steps S214 – S216. That is, after the process of Step S213 where the receiving from the sending facsimile machine and the transmission to the transfer machine with respect to the color facsimile data are executed in parallel, the system controller 207 determines in Step S214 if the transfer operation in page units is completed. If the transfer operation in page units is determined as completed, the system controller 207 completes the transfer operation in page units, in Step S215. Then, in Step S216, the system controller 207 determines if the received facsimile information includes the following page. If the received facsimile information is determined as not including the following page, the process ends. But, if the received facsimile information is determined as including the following page, the process returns to Step S211 so that the system controller 207 can further determine if the following page includes color or mono-color gray-scale data and repeat the same processes.